

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State educators who have demonstrated considerable teaching abilities down through the years in their chosen areas of expertise; and

Whereas, Melissa Orr of Vandalia, Missouri, has attained distinction as a kindergarten teacher at Van-Far Elementary School in the Van-Far R-1 School District; and

Whereas, in addition to her classroom activities, Melissa Orr has proven to be a true educational leader through her unparalleled efforts as Chairperson of the district's Professional Development Committee, Building Coordinator for the Missouri School Improvement Program, and Assistant Curriculum Coordinator; and

Whereas, during the 2002-2003 school year, Melissa Orr has garnered further honors and accolades through her acceptance by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education as one of only twenty-seven teachers statewide to enter the Select Teachers As Regional Resources (STARR) program; and

Whereas, launched in the spring of 1994, the STARR program is a state-level professional development program for Missouri schools and functions under provisions of the Outstanding Schools Act; and

Whereas, Melissa Orr, in her role as a STARR teacher, will undergo a year of preparation before being based at the University of Missouri-Columbia as a traveling resource to perform inservice training for teachers throughout the state; and

Whereas, Melissa Orr will provide professional, classroom-tested training to help teachers use instruction, performance-based assessment, and Missouri's new academic performance standards:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the selection of Melissa Orr for participation in the Select Teachers As Regional Resources (STARR) program by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes for continued personal and professional success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Melissa Orr of Vandalia, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Terry L. Witte
District No. 10

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker